

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Paul N. Stoving et al. Art Unit : 2832
Serial No. : 10/802,409 Examiner : Marina Fishman
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Title : VACUUM ENCAPSULATION HAVING AN EMPTY CHAMBER

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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the action dated April 25, 2006, finally rejecting claims 18, 22, and 24-26.

Applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR §1.136 to extend the time to respond to the final rejection for two months to and including September 25, 2006. Please note that the fee of \$450 for a two-month extension of time was previously paid with the reply filed on September 18, 2006.

The fee in the amount of \$500 in payment of the appeal is being paid concurrently herewith on the Electronic Filing System (EFS) by way of Deposit Account authorization. Please apply any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 06-1050.

Respectfully submitted,

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